

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

COUNTY OF CHARLESTON

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I, William J. Holling, who first being duly sworn, deposes and states upon personal knowledge and belief as follows:

1. I am a Realty Specialist and Custodian of the Real Estate Records for the Southern Division of Naval Facilities Engineering Command in Charleston, South Carolina.

2. I have made an examination of our land records relating to Tract I, containing 724.55 acres of land, more or less, at the Naval Construction Battalion Center in Gulfport, Harrison County, Mississippi. This land was conveyed to the United States of America in conjunction with the establishment of the Naval Construction Battalion Center by Civil Action No. 216 styled "The United States of America vs. 911.50 Acres of Land in Harrison County, Mississippi, G. B. Dantzler, et al" and filed on 30 April 1942 in the District Court of the United States in and for the Southern Division of the Southern District of Mississippi.

3. The United States of America accepted jurisdiction over Tract I by Navy Department letter, dated 14 December 1942, signed by James Forrestal and receipt of which was acknowledged on 29 December 1942 by Paul B. Johnson, Governor of the State of Mississippi.

William J. Holling

William J. Holling
Realty Specialist and Custodian
of the Real Estate Records for
Southern Division, Naval
Facilities Engineering Command

Sworn to and subscribed before
me this 18th day of April, 1993

Judith H. Omond
Notary Public

My Commission expires 8-17-94

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NAVY DEPARTMENT
WASHINGTON

December 14, 1942

Sir:

An Act of Congress approved October 9, 1940 (54 Stat. 1033), provides that in any case where a state ceded jurisdiction over lands within its borders to the United States, the head or authorized officer of any department or independent establishment or agency of the Government having custody of such lands, shall, if such jurisdiction be accepted on behalf of the United States, file a notice of such acceptance with the Governor of the state ceding such jurisdiction.

Pursuant to a Declaration of Taking filed November 6, 1942, in the District Court of the United States for the Southern District of Mississippi, Southern Division, the United States acquired a fee simple title to approximately 2.4 acres of land in the case entitled "United States of America v. 2.4 acres of land, more or less, in Harrison County, Mississippi, Mrs. Anna J. Ott, et al., Civil No. 224."

Pursuant to the provisions of the aforesaid act, jurisdiction is hereby accepted on behalf of the United States in the manner and form granted by the Act of the Legislature of 1928 (Sections 6055-6057, Chap. 153, Mississippi Code 1930y Ann.), over the aforementioned land in the custody of the Navy Department, to wit:

All of that land lying and being in the County of Harrison, State of Mississippi, and being in part a portion of Blocks 8, 9 and 24 of the Jonestown McCaughan Addition to the City of Gulfport, and more particularly described as follows:

Beginning at an iron pipe on the line dividing Sections 5 and 6, Township 8 South, Range 11 West, St. Stephens Base and Meridian, a distance of 2575.5 feet Southerly from the intersection of said Sections 5 and 6, Township 8 South, Range 11 West, and Sections 31 and 32, Township 7 South, Range 11 West, said point being a corner of the lands of the United States Government; thence Southerly along the line dividing Sections 5 and 6 a distance of 1,505.3 feet to the Northwesterly line of the Glaud Ladner (Claude Ladner)



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claim; thence North 82 degrees East along the Northwesterly line of said Ladner claim and its extension Northeasterly a distance of 77.3 feet, more or less, to the Westerly line of 49th Street of said Jonestown McCaughey Addition; thence Northerly with the Westerly line of 49th Street and its extensions 1,488 feet, more or less, to the Southerly line of the lands of the United States Government; thence Westerly with the Southerly line of the lands of the United States Government to the point of beginning; containing 2.4 acres, more or less.

These lands were acquired by the United States under the authority of the Act of Congress approved February 6, 1942 (Public Law 438, 77th Congress), for use in connection with the establishment of a Naval Base Depot at Gulfport, Harrison County, Mississippi.

There are enclosed two carbon copies of this letter of acceptance. Their return in the enclosed franked envelope with your endorsement thereon at the time of the receipt of the acceptance will be appreciated. One copy will be forwarded to the Attorney General and the other retained in the files of the Navy Department.

Very truly yours,

The Honorable,

The Governor of the State of Mississippi.
Jackson, Mississippi.

Enclosures (2)

CC: COMB

Original of this letter received
and filed on the 29 day of

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1942.

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GOVERNOR OF MISSISSIPPI

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NAVY DEPARTMENT

WASHINGTON

December 14, 1942

Sir:

An Act of Congress approved October 9, 1940 (54 Stat. 1083), provides that in any case where a state ceded jurisdiction over lands within its borders to the United States, the head or authorized officer of any department or independent establishment or agency of the Government having custody of such lands, shall, if such jurisdiction be accepted on behalf of the United States, file a notice of such acceptance with the Governor of the state ceding such jurisdiction.

Pursuant to a Declaration of Taking filed April 30, 1942, in the District Court of the United States for the Southern District of Mississippi, Southern Division, the United States acquired a fee simple title to approximately 911.80 acres of land in the case entitled "United States of America v. 911.80 acres of land, more or less, in Harrison County, Mississippi, B. B. Dantaler, et al., Civil No. 216."

Pursuant to the provisions of the aforesaid act, jurisdiction is hereby accepted on behalf of the United States, in the manner and form granted by the Act of the Legislature of 1928 (Sections 6055-6057, Chap. 163, Mississippi Code 1930, Ann.), over the aforementioned land in the custody of the Navy Department, to wit:

All those certain lots, tracts, and parcels of land lying and being situate in the County of Harrison, State of Mississippi, a part of which is located within the corporate limits of the City of Gulfport, Mississippi, known and described as follows, to wit:

St. Stephens Meridian, Township 8 South, Range 11 West, Section 8, Lot 1 Northeast Quarter (NE $\frac{1}{4}$), South Half (S $\frac{1}{2}$), Lot 2 South Half (S $\frac{1}{2}$), Lot 3 Northeast Quarter (NE $\frac{1}{4}$), West 402 feet, West Half (W $\frac{1}{2}$), Southeast Quarter (SE $\frac{1}{4}$), except North 60 feet of East 258 feet, Lots 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8; all Section 9, All fractional Town of Gulfport, Mississippi, Blocks 11, 12, 13, 14, 15 and 16, containing in all 911.80 acres of land, more or less.



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These lands were acquired by the United States under the authority of the Act of Congress approved February 6, 1942 (Public Law 456, 77th Congress), for use as a Naval Base Depot at Gulfport, Harrison County, Mississippi.

There are enclosed two carbon copies of this letter of acceptance. Their return in the enclosed franked envelope with your endorsement thereon of the time of the receipt of the acceptance will be appreciated. One copy will be forwarded to the Attorney General and the other retained in the files of the Navy Department.

Very truly yours,

James Forrestal

The Honorable,
The Governor of the State of Mississippi
Jackson, Mississippi.

Enclosures (2)

CC: COMS
ATTY GEN.

Original of this letter received and filed on the 29 day of Dec. 1942.

15/ Paul B. Johnson

GOVERNOR OF MISSISSIPPI

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Honorable Dennis Murphree,
Governor of Mississippi,
Jackson, Mississippi.

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Sir:

The United States of America became vested with a valid title to approximately 223 acres of land, more or less, in Harrison County, Mississippi on May 5, 1943 pursuant to a declaration of taking filed on that date in the United States District Court for the Southern District of Mississippi, Southern Division in the case entitled United States of America v. 223 acres of land in Harrison County, Mississippi, Mrs. Gladys Finston, et al., Civil No. 285. This land which is more fully and particularly described in the attached Exhibit "A" was acquired for use in connection with the expansion of the Advance Base Depot at Gulfport, Mississippi.

In accordance with the provisions of the Act of Congress approved October 9, 1940 (54 Stat., 1083), jurisdiction over the aforementioned land is hereby accepted by the Navy Department on behalf of the United States of America in the manner and form granted and ceded by an Act of the Legislature of Mississippi, 1928 (Sections 6055-6057, Chap. 153, Mississippi Code, 1930, Annotated).

There are enclosed two carbon copies of this letter of acceptance. Their return in the enclosed envelope with your endorsement thereon of the time of the receipt of this acceptance will be appreciated. One copy will be forwarded to the Attorney General of the United States and the other retained in the files of the Navy Department.

Very truly yours,

Ralph A. Bard

Encl: HW
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Original of this letter received:

Date:

Dennis Murphree
Jan 9 1944
Governor

CC: AttyGen
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CO, U.S. Naval Advance Base Depot,
34th Avenue and 25th Street,
Gulfport, Mississippi.

EXHIBIT "A"

The Northeast quarter (NE $\frac{1}{4}$) of Section 1, Township 8 South, Range 12 West, and which includes all of the Bouslog's Addition and the Bouslog's Second Addition, as shown by the official plat of said additions of record in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Harrison County, Mississippi.

Also that portion of the Southeast quarter (SE $\frac{1}{4}$) of said section, lying east of the M. T. Richmond Homestead tract and more particularly described as follows: Beginning at a point that marks the Northeast corner of the said Richmond tract and which point is three (3) feet West of an off-set concrete monument, and running from thence south twenty-eight (28) degrees and eighteen (18) minutes East a distance of three thousand twenty-five and six tenths (3025.6) feet to a concrete monument on the South line of said Section 1; thence East one hundred and eighty-five (185) feet to the Southeast corner of Section 1; thence North along the East line of said Section 1 a distance of two thousand, six hundred, fifty-five and seventy-five hundredths (2655.75) feet to the Northeast corner of said Southeast quarter (NE COR. SE $\frac{1}{4}$); and thence West a distance of one thousand, six hundred, twenty-four and six tenths (1624.6) feet to the point of beginning. The last described tract includes all of Collins Subdivision and Orange Place as shown on official plats of record in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Harrison County and also acreage tracts lying between these subdivisions.

Containing in all 223 acres, more or less.